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Accompanying this letter are corrected Figures 10-17 in the above patent application. There are two copies of the figures: a clean copy and a copy with the changes marked in red. A copy of FIGs. 10-17 with the changes marked has been sent to Examiner. Applicant has respectfully declined to make two of the corrections required by the draftsperson, namely lead lines in FIGs. 1-5 and elimination of black shading in FIGs. 9 - 17. FIGs. 1-5 are flowcharts, and what the reference numbers specify is blocks in the flow chart and connectors between the blocks. Applicant's attorney has been using the numbering techniques employed in FIGs. 1-5 for more than 20 years, and this is the first time anyone has objected.

Conclusion

Applicants has amended claim 1 and 9 to overcome the rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and has traversed the remaining rejections. Claim 18 has been modified to correct a typographical error. Claim 10 has been modified to correct an obvious error. Applicant has thereby been completely responsive to Examiner's first Office action of 10/20/04 and has fulfilled the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b). Applicant consequently respectfully requests that Examiner continue with his examination of the application and allow the claims as amended, as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.111(a). No fees are believed to be required by reason of this amendment; should any be, please charge them to deposit account number 501315.

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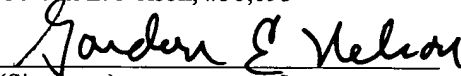
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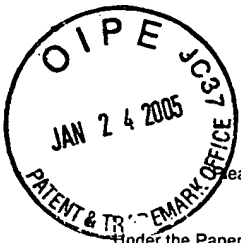
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